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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

PARK ET AL.

Examiner

Peter R. Brown

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The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 August 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 and 22-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 26 and 27 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19, 22-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Claims 1-8,12,17-19 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unobvious over Chu in view of Lobanoff.

Figures 1 and 2 show structure as claimed, including a headrest pillow with a display device in an opening on its rear side, and cables extending through the hollow post of the headrest to connect the display device with a power source. To have provided the video display of Chu with a hinged padded cover, for protecting the screen against scratches or dirt, and/or for aesthetic purposes, would have been an obvious modification to one with ordinary skill in the art, as such is shown to be old and well known in the art by Lobanoff (figs. 1,2).

The type of display device and cable is considered a matter of design choice and obvious mechanical expediency, as is the material of the support pillar.

Claims 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chu and Lobanoff, as applied to the claims above, and further in view of Ikeda et al.

To have provided the headrest of Chu with a conventional tilting mechanism, for additional comfort and versatility, would have been an obvious modification to one with ordinary skill in the art, as such is shown to be old and well known in the art by Ikeda et al (Fig. 1).

Claims 13-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chu and Lobanoff, as applied to the claims above, and further in view of Dixon.

Dixon (figs. 3,4) teaches the use of a housing and monitor attachment bezel 21 for mounting a video display within a backrest, and in view of this suggestion, to have utilized such a housing and bezel for the display device of Chu, for securement and mounting purposes, would have been well within the level of skill in the art.

Claims 23-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chu and Lobanoff, as applied to the claims above, and further in view of ul Azam et al.

To have provided the video display device of Chu with a remote control, for versatility, would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art, as such is shown to be conventional by ul Azam et al (fig. 2).

Claims 26 and 27 are allowed.

Applicant's arguments filed August 16, 2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Contrary to applicant's arguments, it is the examiner's contention that the patent to Lobanoff clearly teaches the use of a hinged cover for both mirrors and

video device, mounted both on the backrest and in the headrest. As a whole there is clear suggestion to one of ordinary skill in the art to apply a hinged cover to the display device of Chu. The motivation for applying such a cover could be for aesthetic purposes or for protecting the display from scratches or other damage when not in use.

The above combination of references is considered proper and within the scope of 35 USC 103.


THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Peter R. Brown whose telephone number is 703-

308-2103. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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